

REMARKS

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-30 are directed to allowable subject matter. Applicants have cancelled claims 31-36 without prejudice to their presentation in a continuing application.

An information disclosure statement is submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the statement pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d) as each item of information contained in the statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.

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